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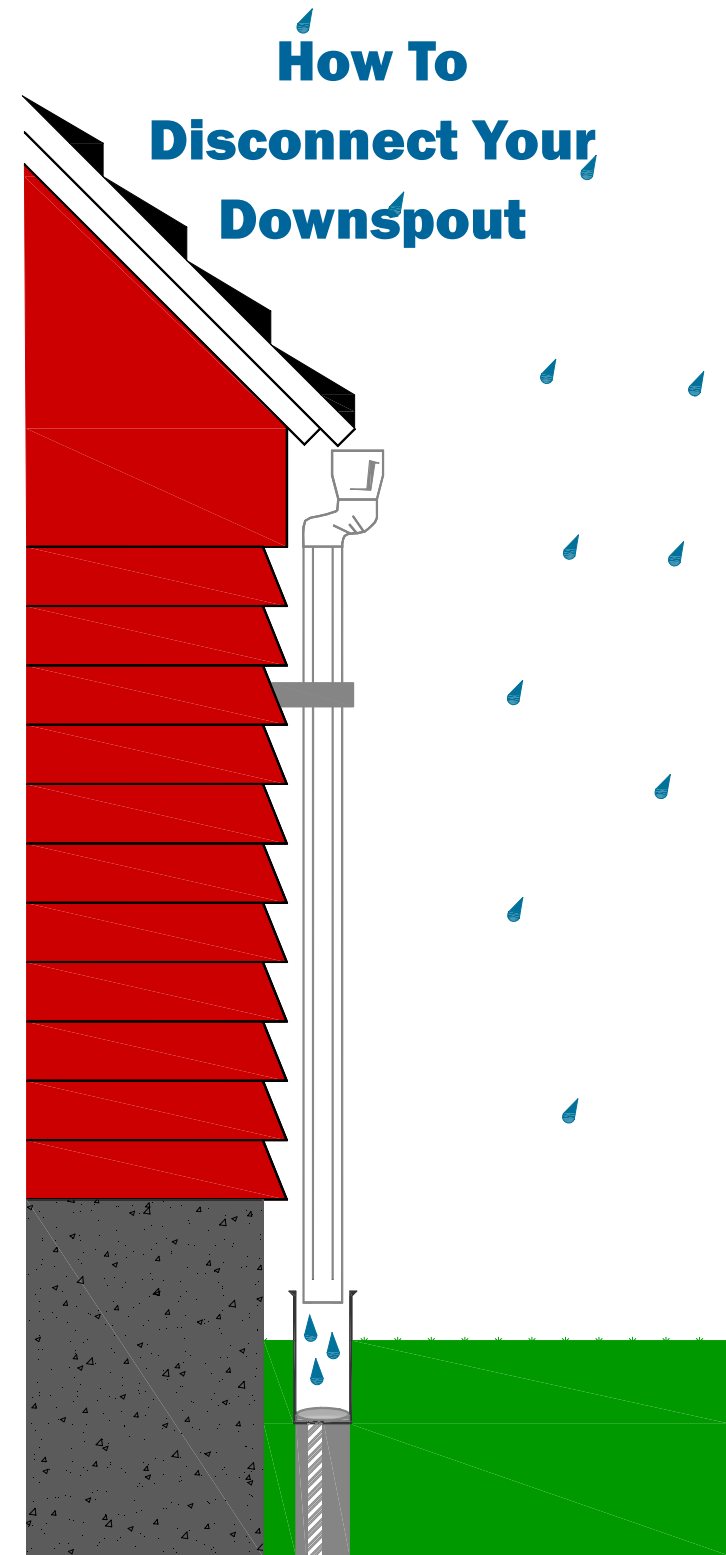
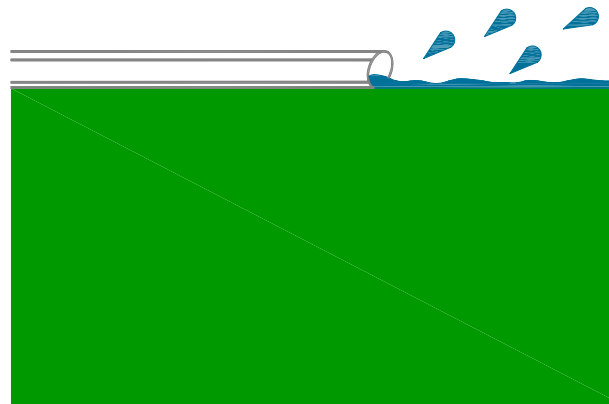
Please visit our website at www.terrehautecleanwater.com for more information on how to disconnect your downspout from the sanitary sewer system and why it is important.

Contact an approved home improvement specialist if you need help disconnecting your downspout. A home improvement specialist can also help you determine the right materials for the job.

Some Things to Remember...

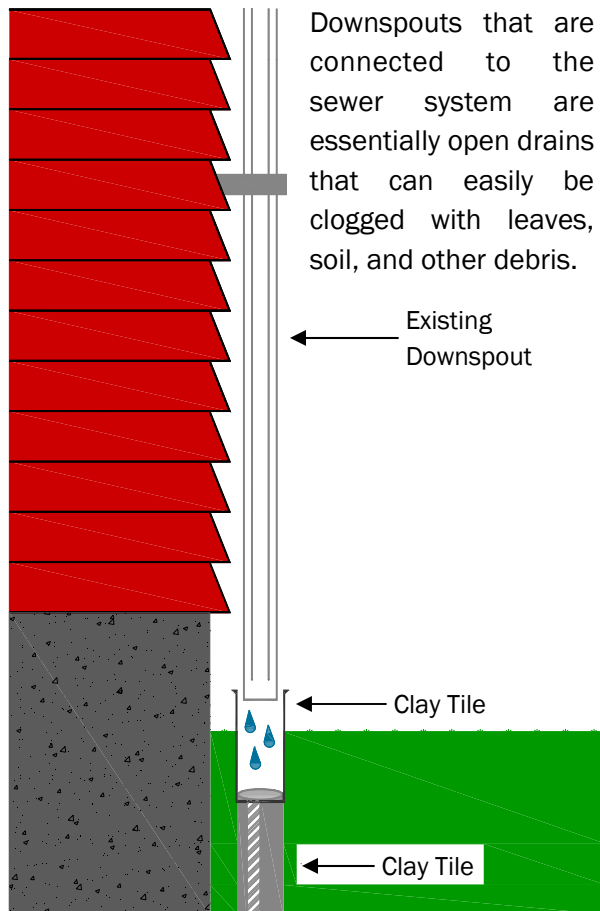
- ~ Water should drain away from the house in order to prevent it from pooling around the foundation.
- ~ Water from your downspout should never be redirected to a neighbor's yard or street.
- ~ If it is difficult to drain the water into your yard at a sufficient distance from your house, try using a rain barrel, rain garden, drainage swale, or pond.
- ~ If you are unsure if your downspout is connected to the sanitary sewer system, contact the City Engineering Department for help at 232-4028.

How To Disconnect Your Downspout



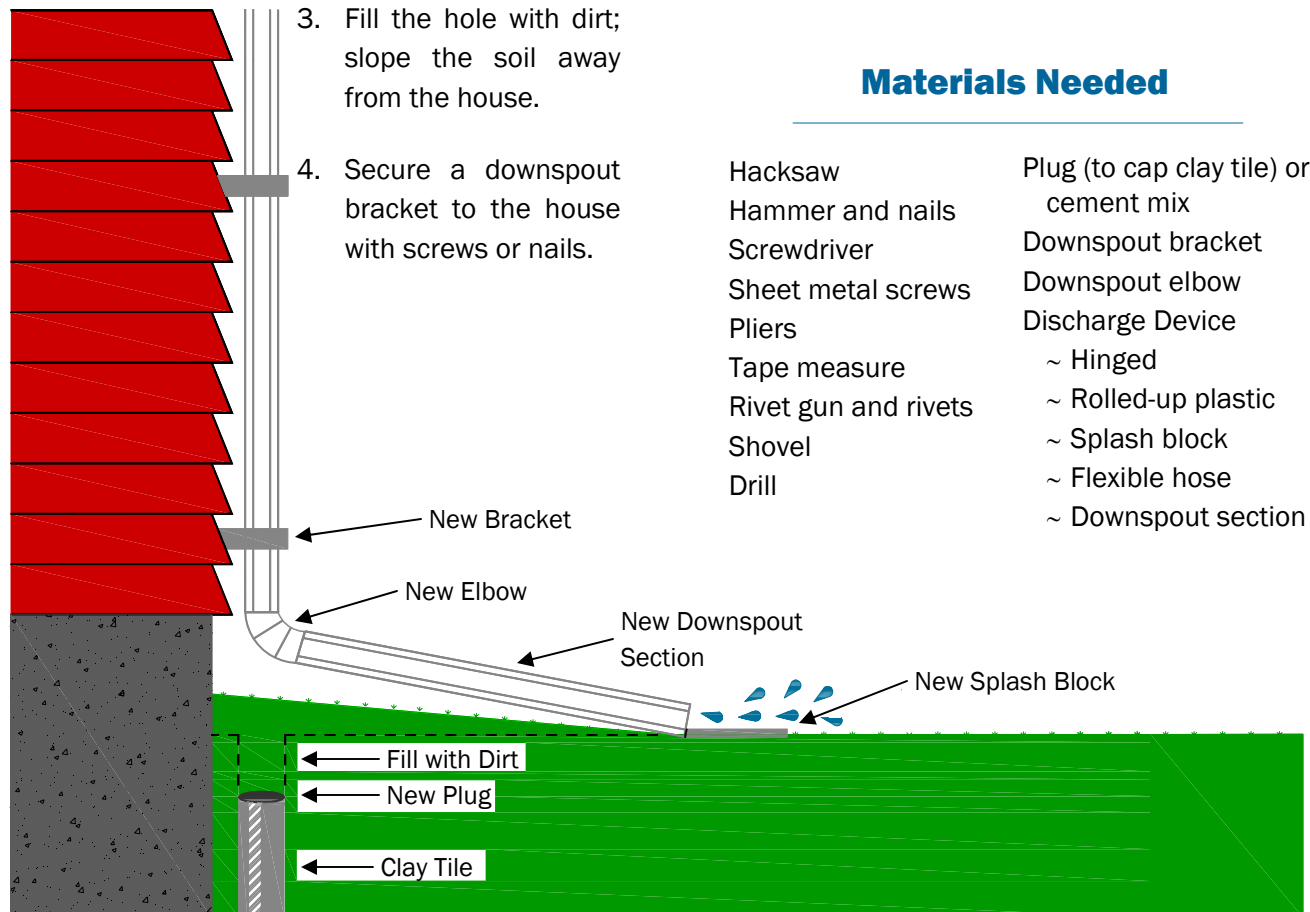
Why Should You Disconnect Your Downspout?

The stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system from incorrectly connected downspouts takes up space in the system and at the wastewater treatment plant, causing sewers to back up into basements and streets or overflow into the Wabash River.



Steps to Disconnect Your Downspout

1. Cut the downspout with a hacksaw about 9 inches above the sewer standpipe. Break clay tile to about 1 foot below the ground.
2. Cap the sewer standpipe with either a rubber or plastic cap or with mortar.



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5. Attach an elbow to the downspout using sheet metal screws or a clip. Pinch in the ends of the downspout to ensure a good fit.
6. Attach the elbow to the discharge device. Water should drain away from the house.

Materials Needed

Hacksaw	Plug (to cap clay tile) or cement mix
Hammer and nails	Downspout bracket
Screwdriver	Downspout elbow
Sheet metal screws	Discharge Device
Pliers	~ Hinged
Tape measure	~ Rolled-up plastic
Rivet gun and rivets	~ Splash block
Shovel	~ Flexible hose
Drill	~ Downspout section